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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

Attached is a copy of German Patent Application DE 199 04 994.